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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT(S) : Vild et al.  
TITLE : MELTING SYSTEM FOR METAL SALTS  
APPLICATION NO. : 10/723,504  
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EXAMINER : Scott R. Kastler  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The initial period for responding to the Office Action issued June 22, 2006 expired on July 22, 2006.

The requested extension and fee are as follows:

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120.00	\$60.00	<b>\$120.00</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450.00	\$225.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1,020.00	\$510.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1,590.00	\$795.00	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00	

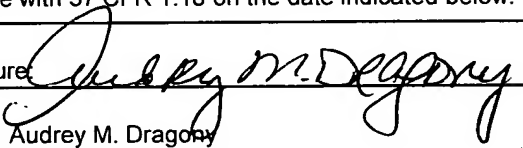
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Respectfully submitted,

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